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Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Sir in view of the fact that the Council did not sit for the last five months, it is hoped that a large number of questions will be answered to-morrow so that the answers need not wait till the next meeting of the Council."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is not yet settled whether to-morrow will be the last day of this meeting. If to-morrow will be the last day, all the questions for which answers are ready will be placed in the hands of hon. Members to-morrow."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether to-morrow will be the last day for this sitting ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Not now. I have not yet settled the matter ; I shall be able to announce it after the lunch interval."

II

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE METTUR PROJECT.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Sir, may I have your permission to move my adjournment motion ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will have to wait till I call him."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" But if elementary principles are ignored. . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will now move his adjournment motion on the Mettur project."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move

> '*that the business of the Council be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the necessity of obtaining the sanction of the Secretary of State and of discussion by this Council in the light of the recommendations of the Mettur Project Deputation appointed by Government before the works at Cauvery-Mettur Irrigation project are carried out on the scale planned out and estimated at present far in excess of the plans and estimates for which the sanction of the Secretary of State was obtained in* 1925 *and the consent of the Council was taken in* 1924."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before the hon. Member obtains the ruling whether it is in order or not, I want to know the urgency of the matter."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I beg to point out that the Government are hurrying on the works."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" When did they begin to hurry on? (Laughter.) "

Mr. J. A SALDANHA :—" They are hurrying on now."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member has referred to the acceleration of the execution of the work. I want to know when the acceleration began."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" From the answers given to-day I found that the sanction of the Secretary of State has not been obtained."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I did not put that question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" After the last meeting and after our deputation."

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is the urgency ! What is the recent event ? ."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"The answer given to-day makes it clear very clear that the Secretary of State is not in possession of all the details of the revised estimates."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"My question is what is the recent event that has occurred."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I find that the Government are determined to carry on the works in defiance of the criticisms of the deputation of this House."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"May I know why the hon. Member did not send a resolution on the subject immediately after his inspection ?"

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I have been waiting in vain for answers to interpellations."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is advised to wait for a further time and to frame a suitable resolution. The motion is not in order."

III

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* DEATHS UNDER CHLOROFORM IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Mr. President, Sir, under Standing Order No. 20 I beg to move

for the adjournment of the business of this House to consider a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the increased frequency of deaths under chloroform of late in the General Hospital".

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"May I know the number of deaths in the last week or so ?"

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"In the last month there were eight deaths under chloroform."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Has the hon. the Minister anything to say about the matter of recent occurrence ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The first information I have about the urgency of the matter which the hon. Member has urged is after the statement made here now."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Did not the hon. Minister receive a copy of the motion two or three days ago ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I received a copy of this motion a week ago. But I did not know that it was going to be moved to-day."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"When a copy of the motion is sent to Government, it is sent with the object of the Government being ready to say whether the matter is urgent or not. If the Government do not avail themselves of the opportunity, they have to thank themselves.

"I allow the motion.